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CIVIC PROGRESS.

The municipal year, like the nineteenth century and 1900, will presently be only a memory. The holiday festivities are over, men are once more deep in the businesses which are their chief end in this world and the City Council of Victoria will soon be called upon to give the annual account of its stewardship. Our contemporary has suggested that it would be an unique way of inaugurating the new century and a grateful tribute to the ability and progressive spirit of the present Council to return the Mayor and Aldermen by acclamation for another year. As this is a matter which lies entirely with the ratepayers there will probably be found insurmountable obstacles to its consummation. It is granted that the Council has done its work well, but there are many people who contend that it is no more perfect than any other human institution. They say the Aldermen in days gone by were hampered and circumscribed in their actions by the charter under which they were working; that the Legislature has said thus far shalt thou go and no farther, and that one of the commendable acts of the late government was to remove this medieval barrier and enable the council of this year to carry out the wishes of the people for municipal improvement. These wistful men contend that, given the opportunity, there are others who could give just as eminent satisfaction as the members of the present Board, and that there are unreasonable men who propose to convince the ratepayers of this fact and ask them to place in their hands the opportunity. It is perhaps unfortunate that these obstinate creatures should bob up at such a time as this for the purpose of spoiling such a commendable beginning of a century. But it is on just such occasions that these fanatics, or iconoclasts, or whatever name they may be known by, do arise. There are so many men in the world who think they have been endowed with the genius for government (almost as great a multitude as that born with the instinct of successfully "running" a newspaper) that it is fairly safe to predict that the crop of candidates will be fully up to the usual standard numerically.

But the presence of these gentlemen in the field will not detract from the merit of the record of the old Council at all. They rose to the occasion which presented itself because of the enlarged powers conferred upon them and they have a legitimate claim to ask for further time to complete the good work to which they have put their hands. It is a matter of pride to us all that to a certain extent the reproach of bad government has been removed from Victoria. She is beginning to look as neat internally as she is beautiful in her environment. Part of the stigma has been removed that Victoria in some respects resembled a house with beautiful surroundings, radiant and resplendent with paint, but dirty and ill kept within. But there is still a great work to do and it is still true that evil consequences sometimes arise because of a tendency to change horses at unprop-

itious times. There may be elements in the Council which it would be wise to cast aside. That is a matter for the ratepayers to consider and which they will undoubtedly take under advisement when the candidates present themselves.

CLEAN UP.

During the year which has just closed famine and pestilence have been stalking through the world abroad and disease has been threatening us at home. Thanks to the vigilance of the Dominion quarantine officers and the watchfulness of those who guard the gates of the city we have been kept immune from the presence of all deadly visitors. A great deal has been accomplished in the direction of sanitary improvement, but it is as nothing to that which yet remains to be done. A clean and healthy city in all respects is what the great majority of us desire to see established; we want to live among surroundings which will offend neither the eye nor the nose. Not only should all "buildings" which are a menace to health and life be pulled down, but as far as possible all that offends against decency and decorum should be suppressed or driven forth. Only in that way can Victoria be made an attractive city in the true sense of the word, and only in that way can we secure the conditions which will induce the most desirable classes who are continually visiting us in quest of more congenial climatic and scenic surroundings to permanently take up their residence here.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.

The provincial government has decided to bring into force the provisions of the law passed at the last session of the House relating to the restriction of the influx into the province of immigrants of an undesirable class. The section of the B. N. A. Act under which it is claimed the Legislature has the power to so proceed reads as follows:

"In each province the Legislature may make laws in relation to agriculture in the province and to immigration into the province; and it is hereby declared that the Parliament of Canada may from time to time make laws in relation to agriculture in all or any of the provinces and to immigration into all or any of the provinces; and any law of the Legislature of a province relative to agriculture or to immigration shall have effect in and for the province as long and as far only as it is not repugnant to any act of the Parliament of Canada."

As the Dominion government has itself dealt with the Chinese phase of this burning question it may be said to be removed entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the province. The increase of the head tax to one hundred dollars is already in effect and it seems unlikely that the commissioners who have been appointed will consider that that particular class of Oriental immigrants comes under their cognizance at all. It is well known, for the member who introduced the bill took particular care to make it clear that the measure was aimed at the Japanese particularly. Of course of the act were subjected to the interpretation which it bears on its face the illiterate of all nationalities, and even of other provinces of our own country, might be refused admission to British Columbia. But there is little probability at the present time of its being put to other uses than those for which it was manifestly intended. The Japanese are not the people to submit to such treatment if they can find a remedy for it. That the steamship companies will carry the matter into the courts, and that the Japanese consul will appeal to the Dominion government for disallowance there is good reason to believe. That failing disallowance in this country, the case may be laid before the Imperial authorities is highly probable. It is well known that public opinion in British Columbia is overwhelmingly with the local government and legislature on this question, for the Japanese authorities were themselves induced to take action to restrict the outpouring of immigrants which had become so great as to be positively alarming. Thus the matter rests, with one of the most interesting contests in the history of the country pending. Whatever the result may be on this occasion, the people of British Columbia have made up their minds that this shall be a country of Caucasians, and in the end they will have their way.

HUTTON AND THE COLONIALS.

General Hutton apparently has not forgiven the Canadian authorities for refusing to permit him to administer the militia department. He has the old-fashioned contempt for colonials characteristic of a generation which it was hoped had passed away. While all the world was ringing with praises of the doings of the men from the southern seas and the northern zone along comes General Hutton and patrolling himself informs us that the colonials might prove very useful on foot and on horseback under certain conditions. These conditions are understood to be, distribution among the regular forces in order to impart steadiness. Perhaps here may be something lacking in the military character of the General himself. His ideal army would move like a machine and do everything at the word of command. For a man to act on his own initiative would constitute a flagrant offence and would probably meet with the old-time punishment. We are not to be understood at all as contending for the abolition of discipline or the lessening of

the authority of the commanding officer. But we do say that circumstances may arise in which volunteers, and especially colonial volunteers, may do just as effective work as Tommy Atkins. Those conditions were met with in South Africa and the colonial forces rose to them and made the most of them. We are by no means certain that the same can be said of General Hutton. We understand that he has been recalled, and it is not unreasonable to assume that he would still have been on the scene of active warfare if his theories had been effectively carried out in practice. He overcame Sam Hughes, and yet if Sam had been as discreet as he was intrepid and fearless of danger he might have been in South Africa yet with the commission in his pocket which he was so confident of obtaining.

At the dinner given in honor of the Canadians in London, Lord Aberdeen spoke as follows:

"He knew the soldierly qualities of the Canadians, and we are glad that they have had opportunity to show what stuff was in them. Some of you know I am a Gordon—every Gordon is proud of the fact; and the officers of this Canadian force will tell you that while they were brothers in arms of all the Imperial forces there was one regiment with whom they were brothers in arms in a more special and literal sense, namely, the Gordons (Cheer). The first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders landed on the same day as the Canadians at Capetown, exchanged greetings from one vessel to the other, and were afterwards together at Orange River, Belmont, Graspan, in Lord Roberts's celebrated march on Bloemfontein, at the ever-memorable Paardeberg, and at Pretoria (Cheer). And the heroism which cost a captain of the Gordons his eyesight found a parallel in the heroism of Private Molloy, of the Royal Canadians, who shows no less courage in facing the trials and misfortunes of war."

MR. STEAD SCORCHED.

The motives of men are past finding out. The attitude of Mr. Stead upon the South African war is incomprehensible from the point of view of an ordinary man, but when an examination is made of his career the haze is cleared away. Mr. Stead desires to make a sensation, to advertise himself, whether the fame which he acquires be good or evil. His chief concern is to keep the world from losing sight of an able editor and writer. His attack on British officers was most brutal and aroused the ire of Sir Alfred Milner, who came at Stead after this wholesale fashion:

I have received your broad sheet purporting to come from a British officer, and as you have asked my opinion, you shall have it, and I will also forward it to the press. My opinion is that you ought to be ashamed of yourself for circulating so vile a slander against your fellow-countrymen. You seem to have made it your mission in life to vilify your country and to slander the brave men who have suffered and borne so much for their country. It seems to me a pity that you don't remove yourself to France, and offer your services to the gutter press, where they would undoubtedly be appreciated. As to the letter of a British officer, I decline to believe that any British officer could so demean himself as to spread so gross a calumny against his fellow-soldiers, without having the courage to put his name to the end of it. If, indeed, any British officer has stooped so low, I can only say he is a contemptible coward, and I should like to have the opportunity of telling him so to his face; but in my opinion the British officer does not live far from the office of Mr. W. T. Stead. Personally, I prefer to believe the testimony of Lord Roberts, Sir Redvers Buller and other brave generals to the conduct of our soldiers in South Africa. I don't know if you have taken the trouble to read Lord Roberts's touching farewell to his troops, when he speaks of the gallantry, the patient endurance, the good conduct and humanity of our brave soldiers. If you have read it, and it has inspired you with a sense of shame, I fear nothing will.

In the New England States serious alarm is felt at the large numbers of French-Canadians who are returning to the places from whence they came. They have made themselves respected and loved in their new surroundings, but they are happier and freer under British institutions, and they are acting as all men do who value freedom and liberty. The New York Times hopes that the reports of the dimensions of the trek are exaggerated. Our Eastern Tory friends, we hope, will not be seriously alarmed over this new aspect of French domination.

Is it a good time, just before the civic elections, to inquire of the mayor and aldermen in regard to the sidewalk on Government street, opposite the post office? Almost every resident of James Bay district would like to know when it is proposed to dispense with the high and low level board walks and put down a concrete pavement at a proper grade. If the time be inopportune we will not press the question until after the elections.

Ignatius Donnelly has gone to the bourse from whence no author nor critic has yet returned. Perhaps he has at last solved the problem which caused him so much labor and investigation in this sphere. The world would like to know whether "Shakespeare or Bacon wrote of the deep things contained in Hamlet." Perhaps some enterprising medium will enlighten it.

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A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor: Last night a number of passengers left Spring Ridge by the 11:05 car, arrived on Government street on time, viz., 11:15, all having paid our fares to be taken home. Some were transferred to the Port street car, which was sent up as far as Douglas street, and the Beacon Hill car, the one we came down on, was stopped on the corner of Port and Government streets, where they both remained for a solid half hour for the convenience of theatre people, passengers having to sit in the cold car all that time or walk, just as they pleased. Now, what we passengers came down on, have the passenger company a right to ignore their schedule as advertised and pull up where and when they like, or are they not supposed, when they advertise a time card, to stay with it and give passengers fair play?

D. SPRAGGIE.

Victoria Jan. 2, 1901.

ARITHMETIC 3,500 YEARS AGO.

Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.
Probably the oldest book for home lessons in arithmetic was recently unearthed in Egypt. The papyrus, which was in excellent condition, dates from about 1700 B. C., that is, about 140 years before the time of Moses. It is 3,500 years ago, it proves that the Egyptians had a thorough knowledge of the elementary mathematics almost to the extent of our own. The papyrus has a long heading. "Direction how to attain the knowledge of all dark knowledge." Numerous examples show that their principal operations with entire units and fractions were made by means of addition and multiplication. Subtraction and divisions were not known in their present form, but correct results were obtained, nevertheless. Equations were also found in the papyrus.

WHEN THE LAUGH WAS ON JOE.

Guelph Herald.
But when Mr. Rymal crossed swords with Sir John the laugh was frequently on Joseph. A famous tilt between the two who by the way were the warmest of personal friends—occurred in the season of 1878, just after Sir John had concluded his national policy plume campaign. Among the great centres visited by Sir John was Hamilton, very close to Mr. Rymal's constituency. Joe made fun of the demonstration, and likened it to a circus with its formations. "You are all right, Sir John," there was the circus animal in it, but one thing was missing. We had no clown there. The hon. member was engaged elsewhere."

A "HEALTHY" EPIDEMIC.

Jardieu Eagle.
A matrimonial epidemic has struck this camp; evidently the direct outcome of increased prosperity in mining circles. When any of the boys make a stake, in many cases, the first thing they do is to either marry a lady on the spot or take a matrimonial journey. And as the boys are all good prospects, they generally succeed in making a good find. The development will, as a matter of course, be forthcoming, and instead of bachelor's halls dotted here and there, comfortable dwellings will predominate and the necessity for a large government school in Ferguson will soon be obvious.

ELECTRICITY AS A MOTIVE POWER.

Mail and Empire.
Electrical energy will shortly be applied to the railways. The Canadian Pacific is contracting for 2,000 horse-power for its road between Rossland and Robson. It seems that for steep grades and circuitous routes electricity is better than steam. For one thing there is less baggage on account of the source of the power. That is to say, it is not necessary to employ a heavy locomotive, the use of which alone consumes a great deal of energy. If electricity will serve in the mountains it ought to be of even greater economic advantage in a flat country.

WHY PRINT SUCH STUFF?

By a Sasatchewan.
It was at a banquet, very well done; and the champagne not only flowed like water, but it was really good. Two Scots were present. They drank rather more of the champagne than anyone else, but after dinner, while their neighbors still partook of Pommery and Cordon, the Elder was heard to say to the Balie, "Is it no time, Balie, we had a drink?" "A drink?" said the other; "ay, that it is," and pointing to the empty champagne bottles, he added, "Elder, these French mineral waters are vera, lowrie!" to the system."

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Chicago Tribune.
If Canada were to abolish the death penalty and adopt the United States' system of extended delays and repeated appeals, there would undoubtedly be a large increase in the number of murders, and the evil of lynching would probably make its appearance about the same time. Nothing so effective prevents crime as the knowledge that punishment will be swift and sure.

NOT ENOUGH.

Dundas Banner.
There have not been Conservatives enough returned to the Quebec legislature to make an eight-hour reel.

THIS STUPID COUNTRY.

Buffalo Express.
How stupid life must be in the Dominion with only 271 divorces granted in 32 years.

Reports from the northern parts of the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Sonora tell of frequent raids on ranches and settlements by bands of Apache and Yaqui Indians. They have driven away herds of live stock. The outlaws are said to be led by a white man.

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POISON IN CLOTHING.

Bright colors are very fashionable now, happily for the spirits of those who lot in life it is to inhabit cities as gloomy as London or Manchester are in December, and the smartest fashions are those known as fond, pink, delicate purples, and military reds. The strides chemistry has achieved during the past few decades make the production of such colors easy and their cost inexpensive, but unfortunately it also makes adulteration easy too, and the use of poisonous dyes is becoming all too common.

Aniline is very extensively used, and very little harm has been traced to fabrics so colored, while chrome yellow, containing lead, greens containing arsenic, and blues containing mercuric oxide, have been proved distinctly deleterious. Aniline is largely used in coloring wall papers and window curtains without had effect, but a serious case has just been made public by the French Academie de Medecine relating to the inhalation of aniline dust, which is used in yellowing hair. Two children wearing these polished boots were poisoned, and the evil was traced to the oil in the paste, which had gradually soaked through the leather. Unluckily, there is no ready way of discriminating between dyes that are harmful and dyes that are not. Experience and consequences alone are a guarantee of their innocuous or baneful influences. Those who do art needlework with silks and colored threads should never bite off the end of their silk, nor suck it in order that it may thread easily through the needle's eye, for to those foolish, though excusable, habits cases of arsenical poisoning have been traced.

In cases where there are abrasions or sores of any kind upon the limbs—for example, upon the shins or ankles—dressed broken skin should never be worn unless the broken skin is protected. Scarlet socks, however expensive, should never be worn until they have been thoroughly washed. All the clever chemists, after cutting a corn or treating it with an acid, protect the place by means of plaster or lint before the patient puts his socks on again. Clothes, dresses, and mantles also often come with poison. Many people have been made seriously ill after a fast walk owing to the dye soaking through to the armpits or other spots, and entering the open pores of the skin. There is an immense amount of trickery accomplished in the trade, where "indigo-dyed" goods are concerned. Even "worsted indigo," sold at 5s. 6d. a yard, has occasionally been found to be a trace of pure indigo in it.

The test for the discovery of pure indigo is as follows: Place a piece of cloth half an inch square on a saucer, plate, or in a porcelain basin, and drop two or three drops of strong nitric acid on it. If pure indigo is present, a bright yellow spot with a green rim is quickly developed.—London Daily Mail.

SIBERIAN CITIES.

Perhaps the most curious feature of all Siberian cities and villages is the quiet of them. The American finds it depressing. The places seem half dead, yet they are alive and thriving. Our conception of prosperity in new cities is so associated with the clang of the trolley, the smoke of the factory, the weird whistlings of the steam train, and the bustle of the population, that it is hard for us to realize that prosperity may exist in a place of dead silence. Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Blagovestchensk, and Irkutsk all present the same features. Blagovestchensk, in the heart of Eastern Siberia, on the junction of the Zeya river with the Amur, is, perhaps, the most interesting city. On the central square of the city, where the market is, face two large department stores which for size, beauty of architecture, and variety of stock would do credit to any American city. The bank buildings, the museums and other business and government houses, are of brick or stone. Good schools have been established, so that it is possible for a boy here, as well as in all Siberian cities, to receive a thorough education. In Vladivostok a training school for Eastern Siberians turns out graduates accomplished in Oriental languages to begin their careers as interpreters or secretaries of legations.—Alaska.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 2, 5 a.m.—During the last two days the barometer has fallen abnormally low over the North Pacific Coast in advance of an extensive low area, which is now centred off Washington. This disturbance, in conjunction with intense cold east of the Rockies, is causing a general snow-fall throughout the mountains, and is particularly heavy on portions of the Lower Mainland. Both Chilliwack and New Westminster report over two feet of snow. The above storm area is moving southward, causing heavy rains and high winds as far as California.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Winds mostly north and east, unsettled, with occasional snow or rain.

Lower Mainland—Winds mostly north and east, unsettled, with snow or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 35; minimum, 33; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .37; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, 2.29; weather, snow.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.06; temperature, 26; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .01; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shore's Hardware.

Italian Fencing, Philharmonic Hall to-morrow night.

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Grand Show, Philharmonic Hall to-morrow night.

Yesterday morning Proprietor Thimmon, of the Germania saloon, gave into custody to Constable O'Leary Tom Nates, a Greek, who is charged with robbing him of three ten dollar bills. He claimed that Nates came to his place and, threatening him with a hammer, forcibly abstracted the money. The accused has an equally interesting story to tell, and the case will be venuated to-morrow.

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How the New Year Was Inaugurated by the Citizens of Victoria.

Services in the Churches—Callers on the Governor and Mayor.

Almost everybody tried to make a noise on New Year's eve, and in accordance with the popular conception of the nature of the reception to be tendered the new year, and the send-off to be given the old year, the general efforts in this respect were singularly successful. Pandemonium reigned, and the infant century was greeted here by the discordant blasts of whistles, bells and horns, accompanied by the shrieks and yells of celebrators, not to forget the fusillade of firecrackers and the explosion of bonfires.

The intention was evidently to make the demonstration as unharmonious and deafening as possible, and if so the efforts were eminently successful. Troops of young men and maidens flourished horns and exploded firecrackers, while battalions of youths boisterously welcomed the little stranger, indignantly waving the departing century a farewell kick. The streets were paraded by hundreds of fantastically garbed enthusiasts, and the demonstrations of the past were certainly paralleled, and perhaps eclipsed, when the parting of the ways was reached when the hour of midnight registered as past 1900 with all its "potentials," and greeted as present the twentieth century, as represented by the new born 1901.

The clang of the fire-bells then gave a melodious accompaniment to the clamor and the supreme abandonment of all self-restraint characterized the celebration. The entire police force patrolled the streets, and beyond quelling a few fights, some of which were doubtless the culmination of the "which century is it" argument, they found the laws well observed.

The watch night services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church were attended by a large number, among those present being Mayor Hayward and aldermen, and Pies. Brethour, Leeman and Smethurst. The services consisted of special praise and thanksgiving, being under the direction of the Ministerial Association, representative of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational and Reformed Episcopal denominations, and were opened with the National Anthem. Appropriate scriptures were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, after which the hymn "Holy! Holy! Holy" was sung. Prayers were led by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, D.D., followed by a responsive reading, led by Rev. D. MacRae. Then the hymn, "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung. The audience joining, after which the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer were recited. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. J. P. Vichet, M.A., and Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. During the evening Mr. Burgett's "Table with Me" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Burgett. Silent prayer and benediction closed the services.

Services were also held at the R. C. cathedral, Rev. Bishop Orth officiating. The musical programme was the same as that rendered on Christmas.

On New Year's evening the Sons and Daughters of St. George celebrated the occasion in royal style, among those present being Pies. Leeman. Banquet tables were spread, and all in attendance enjoyed themselves. Christmas gifts were distributed to the children of the members by Santa Claus (Bro. Charlesworth), while the older people were also remembered. After the following programme, dancing took place:

"Soldiers of the Queen" by the children; "Ruler Britannia" by Bro. Pecketh; "Tommy Atkins" by Misses Renouf, duet; "Miss James and Mr. Ruxton" by "Maple Leaf" Juvenile Sons and Daughters of St. George; pianoforte duet, Misses Renouf; address by J. C. Richards.

Watch night services were held in Zionite hall, Salvation Army barracks, while a powerful sermon was preached by Bishop Perrin in Christ Church cathedral.

An end of the century ball was held at the Agricultural hall, Saanichton, on Monday night.

The members of J. B. A. A. celebrated the occasion in their usual jovial manner, while at Work Point barracks the sergeants enjoyably entertained the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment to a smoking concert.

Yesterday, New Year's day, was observed quietly, the weather being very unfavorable most of the time. De Mente's mass was celebrated in the Roman Catholic cathedral in the morning.

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and services were held in other city churches.

High were thrown off from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and all attending were pleasantly entertained. In the evening the programme, as outlined in these columns Monday evening, was excellently rendered. The hall was beautifully decorated.

The callers at Government House yesterday were as follows: Chas. Hayward, Reginald Hayward, Bishop of Columbia, D. MacRae, D. Fraser, Lieut.-Col. Benson, Geo. Jay, Geo. J. Potts, J. A. Mara, Major Philipp, A. H. Phipps, Lieut.-Col. McKeay, J. A. Anderson, E. B. McKay, L. E. Belyea, G. G. Shair, T. E. Woodridge, H. A. S. Morley, S. Y. Wootton, Chas. E. Redfern, Geo. Kelly, T. J. Jones, Wm. Dalby, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mr. Justice Drake, Jas. Cooper Keith, Capt. Thompson, N. B. Gregory, Lieut. J. Pinder, Col. F. B. Gregory, A. H. Fraser, George E. Powell, A. H. Macdonald, H. G. Dalby, Harriette Clark, W. B. Best, E. Baynes' Reed, Chas. A. Vernon, Robt. Beaver, Capt. S. Bulman, C. E. Renouf, Jas. Mitchell, Arthur G. Frazer, Frank H. Eaton, N. Shakespeare, Chas. H. Long, L. G. McQuade, N. P. Shaw, H. MacKenzie, Cleland, W. H. Bone, A. Lines, Lewis Lewis, W. G. Cameron, A. Graham, E. Pearson, J. B. H. Rickaby, Wm. B. Cavill, Ed. Hassel, H. S. Peller, Crew, Chas. H. Langley, R. B. 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